Selection of Pressmen as Tour Companion of P.M.

1362. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basis for selection of pressmen as tour companion of the Prime Minister on foreign tours;

(b) whether they are selected by a committee or by an individual; and

(c) if former, the details of the committee and if latter the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A party of Media professionals of standing accompany the Prime Minister to cover the tour for their journals and agencies. In selecting the party the criterion was the best possible coverage. Due weightage was given to persons with expertise in covering the PM's engagements and interest of representation to regions and languages.

(b) and (c) The selection is made by the PM's Office in consultation with the Ministries of Information and Broadcasting and External Affairs.

Television Transmitters in Orissa

1363 SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Low Power and High Power Television transmitters and All India Radio stations opened in Orissa during the Seventh Plan so far, location-wise; and

(b) the places where television transmitters and All India Radio stations are likely to be opened during the remaining period of the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE O THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) DOORDARSHAN: Three Low Power (100 Watt) TV transmitters at Bhawanipatna, Jeypore and Baripada have so far been commissioned in Orissa during the Seventh Plan period.

ALL INDIA RADIO: No new radio station has been opened in Orissa during the Seventh Plan so far.

(b) DOORDARSHAN. Besides replacement of the low power transmitter at Bhawanipatna by a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter, low power (100 Watt) TV transmitters at Baleshwar, Bhanjanagar, Bolangir, Keonjhargarh, Phulbani and Sundargarh are proposed to be set up in Orissa during the remaining Seventh Plan period In addition, establishment of a full-fledged TV studio centre at Bhubaneshwar is under implementation.

ALL INDIA RADIO: During the remaining period of the Seventh Plan new radio stations in Orissa are to be established at Keonjhar, Bhawanipatna, Behrampur, Baripada, Rourkela and Bolangir.

Training of Women in Agriculture in Andhra Pradesh

1364. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the National Project 'Training of Women in Agriculture' in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so the details of the project and the amount already spent thereon; and